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Peter Lyons to Unknown Person, December 10, 1785

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Sir

Hanover Dec^r 10th 1785

I am just favoured with your obliging Letter of the 2^d inst^t, in answer to mine, offering you a ton of Tobacco to be consigned to your house, which I am sorry to find you consider as merely answering my present purpose, and not worth your attention, tho' my real design was to show you I did not forget our former friendship, and, if I mistake not, you hinted to me, that such a consignment would be acceptable, however, I am at no loss for a correspondent, for I am as well pleased with Mr. Lytote sales as Capt. Macon is with Mr. Burton's, and hope I may express my satisfaction as freely as Capt. Macon does, without giving offence to any one, but how did the abilities of either of them come in question? I am sure I did not mention either of them in my Letter to you, I knew Mr. Burton long before he settled in London, and thought him active, diligent and capable, and if I did not think him very worthy of confidence, I should not have inclined to

trust him with the sale of my property, so that your
doubts & suspicions are without foundation.

I am much obliged for your generous offer
to accommodate me with orders for the small sums I
want to have paid in London, but I did not mean to
borrow, having no occasion to do so at present, the Tobacco
will command the money here or in London, and my
friends will wait for the proceeds of it. I considered myself
as having a right to draw for half the value of it, but
wished to consult your convenience, which was the
reason of my writing to you, ~~and yet~~, all this will not
prevent my partaking of your hospitality, when ~~leisure~~
leisure will permit, as I am very truly.

Dr Sir

Your friend &c &c

Pet^r Syms